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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP 2878

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Kazuo HAKAMATA

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

9 (Amended). The imaging apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the non-imaging region is blocked by an opaque film.

12 (Amended). The imaging apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the non-imaging region is blocked by an opaque film.